

## **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

An apparatus and method for applying ligating clips to perform minimally invasive vascular ligation. An actuating assembly contacts a clip applier to actuate the clip applier among at least a first position, a second position and a third position. The clip  
5 applier is capable of receiving a first ligating clip when the clip applier is in the first position and a second ligating clip when the clip applier is in the second position. The actuating assembly actuates the clip applier to the third position to close the ligating clip being held by the clip applier.